

substance of a pro se motion's claim and its underlying legal basis[.]"); United States v. Saquella, 442 F. App'x 847, 848 (4th Cir. 2011) (same) (citation omitted) (per curiam).

The court now turns to its initial review of petitioner's § 2241 petition. It does not clearly appear from the face of the petition that the petitioner is not entitled to relief. Thus, the matter is allowed to proceed.

As for petitioner's motion for entry of default, the court notes that the respondent has not been served with petitioner's § 2241 petition, and respondent has not been directed by the court to respond. See 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Therefore, petitioner's motion for entry of default is DENIED as premature.

In summary, the motion for entry of default (DE 3) is DENIED as premature. Petitioner is ALLOWED to proceed with his § 2241 petition. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to maintain management of the matter.

SO ORDERED, this the 7th day of October, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Louise W. Flanagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

LOUISE W. FLANAGAN
United States District Judge